

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

March 1, 1999
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

KING PARKER, Council President; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; BOB EDWARDS; TONI NELSON; RANDY CORMAN; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LARRY WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; SUSAN CARLSON, Economic Development, Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning Administrator; CHIEF A. LEE WHEELER, Fire Department; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; MICHAEL KATTERMANN, Director of Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning; BETTY NOKES, Director of Economic Development; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; LARRY MECKLING, Building Official; JIM GRAY, Assistant Fire Marshall; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department; DEPUTY CHIEF JOE PEACH, Police Department; COMMANDER CURTIS SMALLING, Police Department; COMMANDER KEVIN MILOSEVICH, Police Department; COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 1999 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS**

Police: Employee Recognition

Chief of Police Garry Anderson announced that Police Services Specialist Katrina Cook and Police Officers Chris Edwards, Rick Anderson and Peter Kordel were each honored as an Employee of the Quarter in 1998. Detective Sergeant Paul Cline, the Employee of the Second Quarter, was also named Employee of the Year. Chief Anderson then presented a special award to Staff Services Manager Penny Bartley, who was instrumental in securing a \$303,000 grant from the Department of Justice for the department's new mobile computer system, which cost \$400,000.

Executive: 1998 Financial
Summary

Mayor Tanner gave a report on Renton's 1998 year-end financial status, saying that the year ended very well with revenues in every area above projections. Expenditures were all below budget with the one exception of retirement payouts.

On the revenue side, the mayor noted that 1998 was the first year in which the City's property tax collections matched accrual records. It was particularly notable that sales tax revenue last year surpassed property tax revenue. Sales tax collections were \$1.3 million above 1997, increasing in every category save manufacturing.

Continuing, the mayor said building permits reached almost \$1.6 million last year and included 267 single family homes and 88 multi-family units. Utility taxes remained stable while gambling taxes rose to \$2 million, due primarily to the much larger revenue generated by cardrooms. The mayor briefly noted investment interest revenue, average interest rates, and portfolio compositions for both the general governmental and the proprietary funds.

Turning to expenditures, Mayor Tanner said the City Attorney's account exceeded its 1998 budget due to the need for increased legal services. Based on new revenues, expenditures and identified carryforwards, the City has a \$545,144 fund balance. The mayor then highlighted each of the enterprise funds, which belong to the utility (water, solid waste, and sewer), golf course, equipment rental, and airport divisions. Noting that the capital funds are the most difficult to budget due to unanticipated issues in completing projects, he said revenues are made up of fund balances, the real estate excise tax, rate revenue, grants and business license fees.

Commenting on last year's active real estate market, the mayor pointed out that 990 homes sold in Renton last year, an increase of more than 20% over 1997. A number of significant commercial sites were also sold, generating one-time revenue. Capital expenditures for 1998 were made for the Cedar River Park, a police records system and the demolition of the Holms building. Of additional interest is that the City's self-administered insurance fund ended 1998 with a balance of \$519,000.

Concluding, Mayor Tanner said in accordance with the City's policy, one-time revenues from growth will be used for one-time expenditures.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1999 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * The Army Corps of Engineers expects construction on Phase 2 of the Cedar River Flood Control project to begin by April 1st.
- * The Fire Department is helping publicize a nationwide recall of Central "Omega" fire sprinkler heads, specifically by trying to get this critical information to all multi-family complexes in Renton.
- * On February 23rd, the Police Department handled a protest event at the Seattle Fur Exchange, using great restraint while not allowing any crimes to be committed.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Darst –
Veterans' Memorial

Pat Darst, 2601 Edmonds Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, reported on the status of the Veterans' Memorial to be constructed at 3rd and Main, saying that the architect firm of Calvin Jordan & Associates has offered to donate in-kind services worth almost \$15,000 to this project as a charitable contribution. A stoneworker has been chosen and the organizers are now soliciting designs and illustration ideas for the memorial monument. Commenting on various fundraisers planned for the project, including a St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance on Friday, March 12th, Mr. Darst concluded by submitting a current financial statement showing the group's March 1st, 1999 balance to be over \$5,000.

Citizen Comment: Evans –
Highlands Neighborhood
Center Reconstruction

Ralph Evans, 3306 NE 11th Pl., Renton, 98056, expressed disappointment that although the gymnasium at the Highlands Neighborhood Center was inadequate before this building was damaged by an arson fire last summer, the City proposes to rebuild it as it was while constructing a new section for larger-sized game, meeting and craft rooms. He wondered whether it would be possible to house the various program rooms in the old gym and construct a new, properly-sized gym alongside.

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington responded that the concept being

designed was approved by Council late last year. He explained that Renton's insurance company will reimburse the City only so much to rebuild this facility, and any costs incurred beyond that amount would have to be borne by the City. Council had authorized an additional expense of \$200,000, but the option described by Mr. Evans could cost as much as \$200,000 to \$300,000 more than the amount already approved

Councilman Corman recalled that in discussing this matter last year, Council had focused on expediency and how to get this facility rebuilt as quickly as possible. He agreed that the suggestion brought forth by Mr. Evans should be looked into.

Mayor Tanner said the Administration will discuss this issue with Community Services staff, taking care to consider all alternatives.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Plat: Stafford Crest Division I,
NE 36th/112th NE (FP-98-
184)

Development Services Division recommended approval of the Stafford Crest Division I Final Plat; 74 single family lots on 14.6 acres located in the vicinity of NE 36th St. and 112th Pl. NE (FP-98-184). Council concur. (See page 72 for resolution.)

EDNSP: Shuffleton Site
Redevelopment Studies &
Planned Action

Economic Development, Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning Department recommended initiating a study on the potential redevelopment of the Shuffleton site, located along Lake Washington adjacent to Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, for a mixed residential and commercial use project, and initiating a "Planned Action" under State law. Council concur. (See page 72 for resolution.)

Police: Valley Com Facility
Options

Executive Department submitted information on options being explored for a new or renovated Valley Communications facility, which is jointly owned by the cities of Renton, Kent, Tukwila and Auburn. Refer to Public Safety Committee.

Finance: 1999 Budget
Adjustments

Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of a 1999 Budget adjustment ordinance in the total amount of \$4,259,030, which includes \$2,286,730 for projects started in 1998 but not completed, and \$1,814,500 for new, one-time requests. Refer to Finance Committee.

**MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL
APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.**

Responding to Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler, Mike Kattermann, Director of Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning, said the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) work on the potential Shuffleton redevelopment will be done by outside consultants and paid for by the applicant. City staff will not be substantially involved outside of managing the consultant's work.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Wyatt -
Millenium "Companion Flag"
Proposal

Correspondence was read from Scott Wyatt, 10115 Greenwood Ave. N. #142, Seattle, 98133, proposing that Renton display a "Companion Flag" for the remainder of 1999 and throughout 2000. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.**

Citizen Comment: Rossnagel -
Skate Park in Renton

Correspondence was read from Cory Rossnagel, 14604 SE 140th Pl., Renton, 98059, requesting that the City construct an in-line skate park.. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS**Planning & Development
Committee**

Development Services: 1997
Uniform Building Codes

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report recommending concurrence with the staff recommendation to approve the adoption of the 1997 Uniform Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, Housing and Swimming Pool Codes. The Committee also concurred with the staff recommendation to increase the fees for sign permits. This is the first sign permit fee increase in 30 years. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT AS READ. CARRIED.** (See page 73 for ordinance.)

Fire: 1997 Uniform Fire Code

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report recommending concurrence with the staff recommendation to adopt the 1997 Uniform Fire Code and the proposed amendments. The Uniform Fire Code was adopted by the State effective July 1, 1998, and subsequently by other municipalities in the region. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT AS READ. CARRIED.** (See page 73 for ordinance.)

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Edwards presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 167209, 168092 - 168506 and one wire transfer in the total amount of \$1,365,438.73. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Finance: Human Resources
Software, Eden Systems

Finance Committee Chair Edwards presented a report regarding a contract with Eden Systems for Y2K human resources software. In December 1998, the Finance Committee approved execution of a contract with Eden Systems to purchase human resources software and implementation/training services, if staff concluded that Eden Systems' HR software program met the City's needs. Staff has now concluded that Eden's program meets the City's needs, and has advised the Finance Committee of that decision.

The Mayor and City Clerk may now proceed with executing the addendum to Eden Systems, Inc.'s software license and use agreement in the total amount of \$34,716. This price includes the base cost of \$33,125, plus a tax of \$1,591 (the tax is calculated only on the software license fee).

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS****Resolution #3378**

Plat: Stafford Crest Division I,
NE 36th/112th NE (FP-98-
184)

A resolution was read approving the Stafford Crest, Division 1 Final Plat, consisting of 14.6 acres located in the vicinity of NE 36th St. and 112th Pl. NE (FP-98-184). **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3379

EDNSP: Shuffleton Site
Redevelopment Studies &
Planned Action

A resolution was read authorizing and directing City staff to initiate work, commission studies, expend funds, and take other steps to study the redevelopment of commercial property generally known as the Shuffleton Plant area located west of Lake Washington Blvd. and north of Park Ave. N. (SR-

900), and to facilitate a “Planned Action” under State law. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 3/08/99 for second and final reading:

Development Services: 1997
Uniform Building Codes

An ordinance was read amending Section 4.1.140 of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, Sections 4-5-050, 4-5-060, 4-5-080, 4-5-090, 4-5-100 and 4-5-110 of Chapter 5, Building and Fire Prevention Standards, of Title IV (Building Regulations) of City Code by adopting standard codes and fees thereunder. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE TO SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 3/08/99. CARRIED.

Fire: 1997 Uniform Fire Code

An ordinance was read amending Sections 4.5.050, 4.5.060 and 4.5.070 of Chapter 5, Building and Fire Prevention Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code relating to adoption of the 1997 Uniform Fire Code by reference and amendments thereto. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE TO SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 3/08/99. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading:

Ordinance #4766

Development Services:
McKnight Middle School
Readerboard

An ordinance was read amending Sections 4.4.100.C and 4.4.100.E of Chapter 4, Property Development Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by allowing freestanding signs at public facilities. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #4767

Vacation: Aberdeen Ave NE,
NE 33rd to 36th (Tharp/Clise,
VAC-98-002)

An ordinance was read vacating a portion of Aberdeen Ave. NE from NE 33rd St. to NE 36th St. and NE 33rd St. from Aberdeen Ave. NE, 450 feet easterly (Tharp/Clise, VAC-98-002). MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks: Pavilion Building
Report

Councilman Corman thanked the Administration for the informative report on the Pavilion building, and suggested that copies be made available to the public. Mayor Tanner agreed to do so, saying that members of CPR (Citizens for Piazza Renton) might be especially interested.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Evans –
Coulon Park Grassy Areas

Ralph Evans, 3306 NE 11th Pl., Renton, 98056, suggested that City staff install “Keep off the Grass” signs at Coulon Park until the wet weather subsides, saying he witnessed two youth on bicycles become mired in the muddy turf last weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:54 p.m.

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
March 1, 1999